Central assistance for flood relief to Kerala

@2591. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Kerala Government has sought financial assistance of Rs. 93 crores for flood relief;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government have decided to sanction the amount as financial assistance; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir. State Government of Kerala have submitted a memorandum seeking Central assistance of Rs. 92.86 crores for relief in the wake of natural calamities in the current year.

(b) and (c) Ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 10.55 crores have been approved for the State of Kerala for relief during the year.

Affairs of National Confederation of Bank Employees Staff Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd.

2592. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of fixed deposit cases made with the National Confederation of Bank Employees (Urban) Staff Cooperative Thrift and Credit Society Ltd., New Delhi issued on February, 1985 and the interest given by the said society through chaque but the same is not credited by the bank (State Bank of India, Connaught Circus, New Delhi).

(b) whether Government have received any complaint in this regard from the depositors for non refund of their full amount and interest thereon; and

(c) if so, whether Government had made any inquiry in this regard and if so, the findings thereof and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) The Society has received 345 fixed deposits and it has issued 39 chaques out of which 34 were issued for refund of 50 per cent of principal and interest. The remaining five cheques were towards payment of full principal amount and interest which were not cleared by the Bank due to absence of credit balance in the accounts of the Society.

(b) and (c) The Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Delhi on receipt of various representations from depositors, instituted an inquiry under Section 55 of the Delhi Cooperative Societies' Act and on the basis of inquiry report, placed the Society under liquidation. During the course of liquidation proceedings, the depositors will get payments as per their entitlements under the relevant Act and Rules.

Recommendation of the technology mission for supply of safe drinking water

2593. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the technology mission was consulted in regard to the out-break of cholera in Delhi to suggest better methods of supply of safe drinking water in the semi-urban areas;

(b) if so, the opinion of the technology mission regarding causes of the recent outbreak which is essentially water borne;

(c) the remedies suggested to deal with the present situation and safeguards for the future; and

@Previously Unstarred Question 1689, transferred from the 24th November, 1988.